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City of Helotes, Receives Emergency Funding from the 2021 American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA)

HELOTES, TEXAS – On January 13, 2022, Helotes City Council met to approve the allocation for the First Tranche Disbursement of the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA).

The American Rescue Plan Act is a federal stimulus bill signed into law by President Biden. The bill will deliver \$350 billion to eligible state, local, territorial, and tribal governments to aid public health and economic recovery from the coronavirus (COVID 19) pandemic. The City of Helotes will receive a total of \$2,468,196.00. This amount will be delivered in two equal disbursements, or tranches, of \$1,234,098.00 per tranche.

There are seven categories outlined in the ARPA where funds can be spent. Council approved allocating the funds for the First Tranche Disbursement as follows:

First Tranche Disbursement:

*The following are estimates and not exact amounts - Staff will have to acquire quotes/bids.

- Category No. 1: Support Public Health Expenditures \$220,000.00;
- <u>Category No. 2: Address Negative Economic Impact Caused by Public Health Emergency</u> -\$350,000.00;
- Category No. 4: Provide Premium Pay for Essential Workers \$45,000.00;
- <u>Category No. 5: Invest in Broadband Infrastructure \$250,000.00;</u>
- Category No. 6: Revenue Replacement \$364,098.00; and
- Category 7: Administrative Costs \$5,000.00.

For more information about the 2021 American Rescue Plan Act visit: www.congress.gov/bill/117th-congress/house-bill/1319. For more information about City Council of Helotes, Texas visit: www.helotes-tx.gov/government/agendas-meetings/.

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